

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/695,943

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/12/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11-22.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 11-22 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant invention is drawn to a data communication apparatus that communicates by storing non-voice data (i.e., facsimile data) in a voice packet, in a Voice-over-Internet-Protocol communication system that dialogues by exchanging voice packets via an IP network. The data communication apparatus includes a data processor that operates with two switchable modes, a standard communication mode, exchanging voice packets at a predetermined transfer rate, and a high-speed communication mode, exchanging voice packets at a faster rate than the one of the standard communication mode. The data communication apparatus also includes a controller that enables a data process execution, upon obtaining the capability information of an opposing apparatus according to a predetermined communication protocol, by selecting the high-speed communication mode, when the opposing apparatus has the high-speed communication mode. When the opposing apparatus has the high-speed communication mode, i.e., when both caller apparatus and receiver apparatus are the data communication apparatuses, the high-speed data communication becomes available, by selecting and executing the high-speed communication mode that exchanges packets in a high speed at an independently set transfer rate. When the opposing apparatus does not have the high-speed communication mode, i.e., when a conventional data communication apparatus is connected to the IP network via an IP telephone adaptor apparatus, the standard communication mode is selected and executed.

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Prior art of record failed to teach or fairly suggest in combination the method and apparatus that communicates voice packets having non-voice data (i.e., facsimile data) via an IP network comprising a data processor that executes a standard communication mode and a high-speed communication mode, the voice packet including non-voice data (facsimile data) and being exchange at a predetermined transfer rate in a standard communication and at a rate faster than the predetermined transfer rate via the IP network in the high-speed communication mode, the standard communication mode and the high-speed communication mode being interchangeably executed; an acceptor that obtains capability information of a receiver apparatus in accordance with a predetermined communication protocol; and a controller that selects the high-speed communication mode for execution based on a determination, using the capability, that the remote apparatus (i.e., opposing or destination device) is configured to execute the high-speed communication mode.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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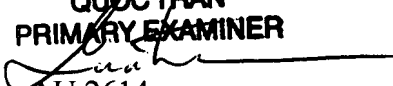
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Quoc Tran** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-7511**. The examiner can normally be reached on M, T, TH and Friday from 8:00 to 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Curtis Kuntz**, can be reached on **(571) 272-7499**.

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